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History. This Regulation incorporates changes as needed for use on Fort A.P. Hill.

Summary. This Regulation describes the policies and procedures that govern fishing at Fort A.P. Hill.

Applicability. This Regulation applies to all individuals fishing within the boundary of Fort A.P. Hill.

Suggested Improvements. The proponent of this Regulation is the Directorate of Public Works (DPW) Environmental and Natural Resources Division (ENRD). Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) to DPW ENRD, 19952 North Range Road, Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia 22427-3123

*This Regulation supersedes APH Circular 200-01-1, dated 1 February 2001.

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1. POLICY. All recreational activities at Fort A. P. Hill (FAPH) are authorized and controlled by the Installation Commander in accordance with the appropriate Federal, State, and County laws and Department of the Army Regulation/Circulars/Policies. Minimum restrictions on all recreational activities are established to ensure safety, security, protection of property, and efficient accomplishment of FAPH missions. Federal and State Governments have concurrent legal jurisdiction at FAPH.

a. It is your responsibility to read and understand the FAPH fishing regulations in their entirety. *New items are in bold italics.*

b. The dangers inherent as a result of military training exist in all areas. It is possible to find unexploded ordnance (duds) anywhere. If a dud is found, mark the area, NOT THE DUD, and report it immediately to the Game Check Station (GCS), 18616 A.P. Hill Drive, Fort A.P. Hill, VA 22427-8102, (Building P00390), (804) 633-8244. If the Game Check Station is closed, report it to the Directorate of Public Safety/Provost Marshal Office (DPS/PMO), 14115 Montague Road, Fort A. P. Hill, VA 22427-3115, (804) 633-8239. Signing of the General Release Statement relieves the Government of responsibility, i.e., "Fishing at your own risk."

c. Collecting. With the exception of the fish species harvested permitted by this regulation, to garner or harvest ANY plant, animal, or artifact is prohibited. To request permission to collect write to: Wildlife Section, DPW ENRD, 19952 North Range Road, Fort A. P. Hill, Virginia 22427-3123.

d. No gasoline-powered motors may be used on FAPH waters. Electric motors are permitted. Boats equipped with outboard motors are permitted provided the motors are not operated.

e. No fish taken from FAPH waters may be sold.

f. It is unlawful to possess, use or distribute any explosives, poisons, or other noxious substances in FAPH waters.

g. Fishing contests/tournaments are prohibited without the prior written approval of the Installation Commander. To request permission, send a written request to: Garrison Commander, Headquarters, US Army Garrison, 18436 4th Street, Fort A.P. Hill, VA 22427-3114.

h. Wading or swimming in any open waters on FAPH is PROHIBITED! All military/civilian personnel requesting waterborne type training must have prior written approval from the Post Commander.

i. All anglers are responsible for keeping areas clean. Trash and residue remaining from food and food containers will be disposed of in proper receptacles. Littering is a violation of State and FAPH laws/regulations.

j. Open fires are not permitted at any time. Cooking fires are allowed in properly

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enclosed devices, and authorized areas only. All anglers and campers must take precautions to prevent forest fires. Anyone locating a fire should report it to the Post Fire Station, extension 911.

k. All speed limits will be observed as posted. Speed control is monitored by radar throughout the Installation.

l. Every year, government property such as signs, boats, picnic tables, and docks and piers are damaged by inconsiderate persons. Please report any acts of vandalism or other illegal incidents

to the DPS/PMO desk officer or Game Warden section
(804) 633-8239/8454.

2. PENALTIES. Each angler is responsible for knowing and adhering to Federal, State, County and FAPH fishing laws/circulars/regulations. All Virginia state boating rules and regulations will be strictly observed and enforced while fishing on FAPH waters. Anyone violating a posted sign, evading a barricade, entering a restricted area, or failing to comply with any fishing laws/circulars/regulations, conducting an activity which may be hazardous to life and safety, may be barred from the Installation, have their recreational privileges revoked, be fined, be incarcerated, issued applicable citations and/or any combination of the penalties listed above as allowed by law.

3. STATE AND COUNTY LICENSE. Presentation of a current state, or Caroline County fishing license is required to obtain a FAPH fishing permit.

4. FORT A.P. HILL RECREATIONAL PERMITS.

a. General program and permit information may be obtained by contacting the following:

(1) DPW ENRD, 19952 North Range Road, (804) 633-8750/8417.

(2) Game Check Station (GCS), 18616 A.P. Hill Drive (804) 633-8244.

(3) Community Activity Center (CAC), 18380 4th Street, (804) 633-8219.

b. Fishing Permits. FAPH fishing and trout permits may be purchased upon presentation of a current Virginia State or Caroline County fishing license (resident or non-resident as applicable), and completion of DPW (APH) Form 22 and 33 (Application and General Release). Permits may be obtained at CAC or the GCS depending on hours of operation. All adult anglers must sign the General Release Statement. A parent or guardian must sign for a minor. individuals must have their state or county fishing license, FAPH fishing permit, and trout permit (if applicable) in their possession while fishing FAPH waters.

(1) FAPH fishing permits

PERMIT TYPES	PERMIT COST
General (persons aged 16 - 64)	\$20.00/yr
Senior citizen/disabled (persons aged 65+ and/or persons having a VA state disabled permit or certificate)	\$20.00 (lifetime)
Five day	\$5.00
Persons less than 16 years of age	No charge

(2) FAPH trout permits

PERMIT TYPES	Adult 16 - 64	Senior (65+) or Junior (< 16)
Daily Trout Permit	\$5.00	\$4.00
Annual Trout Permit (January - April)	\$55.00	\$50.00

c. Hours of Operation. The hours of operation for the sales of fishing permits are listed below. Permits will be sold at CAC or the GCS depending on hours of operation.

MONTH	BLDG.	MON - FRI	SAT	SUN
1 JAN - 31 JAN	GCS	0800- 1630	0800- 1630	0800- 1630
1 FEB - 30 SEPT	Call the CAC (804) 633-8219/8257 for hours of operation for the sale of fishing permits (hours may vary depending on time of year)			
1 OCT - 31 DEC	GCS	0530- 2000	0530- 2000	CLOSED

* Once the time changes in October, the GCS hours of operation will be 0430 - 1930

5. ANGLER CHECK IN/OUT PROCEDURES

a. Anglers entering the installation will be instructed to proceed to the Access Control Point (ACP). At the ACP, the individual (s) will be identified and asked for the following documents:

(1) Photo identification (Drivers License, Military ID Card, etc...)

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(2) FAPH fishing permit (If no permit, angler(s) will be issued a day pass and instructed to proceed to CAC or the GCS to purchase a FAPH fishing permit)

b. Angler visits will be recorded daily on the angler accountability log sheet. Anglers will be issued an angler trip information sheet, and asked to complete the information and return it upon the completion of their fishing trip in the drop box located at the guard shack.

c. Anglers must verify safe access with the DPS/PMO desk officer ((804) 633-8239) prior to fishing Whites Lake, Laser Range Pond, or Smoots Pond.

d. Anglers desiring to fish exterior waters (Bowies Pond, Smoots Pond, White's Lake, and Mill Creek (off of Route 17 only), shall contact the DPS/PMO desk officer. The angler will be logged in to fish that specific area and will contact the DPS/PMO desk officer to check out of the area upon completion of the fishing trip. In accordance with installation law enforcement policy, both actions of the individual will be recorded by entries into the Daily Police Desk Journal.

6. FISHING REGULATIONS.

a. Fish must be caught using hook and line or rod and reel. A hand landing net may be used to land fish legally hooked.

b. No game fish species may be used as bait. All game fish caught in excess of the posted daily limits must be released back into FAPH waters. Transport and/or release of live game fish to any other location is prohibited. The following fish are considered game fish species: largemouth bass, chain pickerel, and all panfish (bluegill, pumpkinseed sunfish, redear sunfish, redbreast sunfish, flier, warmouth, and black crappie).

c. All waters that lie within the boundary of FAPH have the following daily creel and size limits.

SPECIES	QTY	SIZE LIMIT
Largemouth Bass CAUGHT BETWEEN 1 January - 15 June	1	20" MINIM UM
Largemouth Bass CAUGHT BETWEEN 16 June – 31 December	2	15" MINIM UM
Catfish	5	NO SIZE LIMIT
Chain Pickerel	4	NO SIZE

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Panfish	NO LIMIT	NO SIZE LIMIT
Grass Carp	ALL MUST BE RELEASE D	

d. Hours of operation for fishing are daily sunrise - sunset, except for Smoots Pond, Whites Lake, Laser Range Pond, Mill Creek, and Fish Hook Lake (see below).

e. The following waters have special regulations that will be strictly enforced:

(1) Fish Hook Lake is open on Saturdays from sunrise to sunset.

(2) Mill Creek. All anglers fishing and/or dipping herring from the Route 17/Mill Creek Bridge southward, must comply with FAPH fishing regulations, and must purchase a FAPH fishing permit. During the spring herring- spawning season (March - May), anglers are permitted to dip herring daily 24 hours a day. Hours of operation from January - February and June - December will be daily sunrise - sunset.

(3) Smoots Pond and Whites Lake. These ponds are accessible only from state roads along the south boundary and are available for fishing when training is not being conducted. Anglers must contact DPS/PMO ((804) 633-8239) to verify safe access prior to fishing.

(4) Bowies Pond. Anglers are reminded that fishing in this pond requires a state fishing license and FAPH fishing permit. This requirement includes fishing from the pull-off located along State Route 2.

(5) Laser Range Pond. The Laser Range Pond located in training area 17 may be open for fishing when the laser range test facility is not in use. Anglers are permitted to access the Laser Range Pond off of General Forrest Road only. Anglers must contact DPS/PMO ((804) 633-8239) to verify safe access prior to fishing.

(6) Those persons who do not possess a FAPH trout permit, and are fishing designated trout waters (Beaver Dam Pond, Hems Pond, and Mill Creek) from 4 January - 6 April are not permitted to be in possession of trout at any time. Any trout that are caught must be immediately released back into the water. Any person who possesses a FAPH fishing permit may keep trout that are caught after April 6 (end of the trout season).

7. RAINBOW TROUT FISHING REGULATIONS

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- a. The rainbow trout fishing season will begin 4 January and end 6 April 2003. Designated stocked trout waters are Beaver Dam Pond, Herns Pond, and Mill Creek (off of Wilcox Drive).
- b. Those persons participating in the rainbow trout stocking program must possess the following licenses and permits: Virginia state or Caroline County fishing license, FAPH fishing and trout permit.
- c. A maximum of one fishing line/pole per person may be used while fishing designated trout waters.
- d. The daily creel limit for trout is 6 per person.

8. REFERENCES.

- a. AR 200-3, Natural Resources Land, Forest and Wildlife Management, 28 February 1995.
- b. AR 210-21, Army Ranges and Training Land Program, 1 May 1997.
- c. AR 385-63, Policies and Procedures for Firing Ammunition for Training, Target Practice, and Combat, 15 October 1983.
- d. Virginia Boating Guide, 2003.
- e. Virginia Freshwater and Saltwater Fishing Regulations, 2003.